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SUBJECT: REPORTED PLANS TO ASSASSINATE DUVALIER

REF: STATE 154298

1. DUVALIER RECEIVED ME IN PALACE AT 10:15 PM, JULY 1. I INFORMED HIM THAT WE HAD REPORT OF POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WHICH COULD OCCUR SOON, POSSIBLY JULY 3. I STRESSED THAT REPORT WAS UNCONFIRMED. I SAID THAT WHILE APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES MIGHT BE IN ORDER, WE HOPED THAT ANY GOVERNMENT REACTION TO THIS REPORT WOULD ALSO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES WHICH BOTH OUR COUNTRIES SHARE.

2. DUVALIER EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR BEING INFORMED OF REPORT AND SAID HE WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS. HIS SCHEDULE ON JULY 3 PROVIDES FOR RECEIVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN PALACE. HE SAID HE WAS NO STRANGER TO THIS KIND OF PLOT ATTEMPT AND SAID ONE HAD TO STUDY HAITIAN HISTORY TO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNISTIC POLITICAL MENTALITY WHICH SO OFTEN HAD PARALYZED NATIONAL UNITY. HE HAD SOME CAUSTIC WORDS ABOUT THE DYNAMICS OF COMMUNIST EXPANSIONISM. WE PARTED AFTER 45 MINUTES WITH HIS RENEWED EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.

3. COMMENT: I THOROUGHLY CONCUR WITH DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT
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CONSEQUENCES OF COUP OR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS IN HAITI WOULD BE MUCH WORSE IN BOTH HUMAN AND POLITICAL TERMS, THAN SITUATION NOW EXISTING. CERTAINLY THE CAST OF PLOTTERS IDENTIFIED IN SEPTEL IS AS UNSCRUPULOUS AND VENAL AS COULD BE IMAGINED.
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